

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 11, 2005 in the above identified application. A petition for a 3 month extension of time is enclosed, along with the appropriate fee.

The present invention teaches a novel technique in implementing security policy rules. The present invention stores the rules separately from the main software, and only loads them for execution when specified conditions occur. Thus, unlike all of the prior art cited, the present invention does not require the execution of these security policy rules each time the main software is run.

All of the independent claims clearly point out this important distinction, although they use slightly different language to do so. For example, amended claim 8 recites: “integrating said rules into said data access management software such that said specified data transactions are prohibited, wherein said rules are not integrated with said data access management software prior to said occurrence of said specified action.” Similarly, independent claim 10 recites “upon a first specified condition occurring, modifying data access management software to include a rule that prohibits a known party from accessing specified information in a database or file... upon a second specified condition occurring, removing said rule from the data access management software and storing said rule for future use.” (underlining added). In other words, the rules are independent of the main software, and are only loaded into program memory when they should execute.

This concept is described in applicant’s original specification, for example, at pages 3-5 and Figure 1. This unique feature is not described in any of the cited prior art. With one exception, all of the cited art appears to relate to security policies that are enforced with a static set of code that performs various tests and prohibitions.

As best applicant can tell from review of the cited references, only Hudson ‘637 relates in

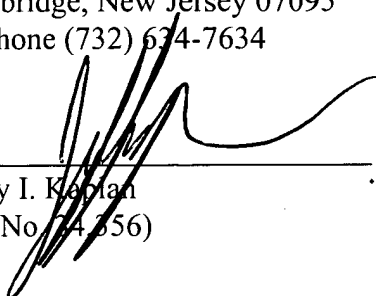
any way to a dynamic policy. However, Hudson implements the same fixed security policy applicable to a user for the duration of the user's session. (col. 1-2) It is "dynamic" only in the sense that it lasts for a user session. Hudson does not continue to monitor conditions and load rules from a remote source upon conditions occurring during the user's session. Accordingly, none of the prior art teaches applicant's system of storing the rules separately, monitoring the system for the occurrence of specified conditions, and then loading rules in and out of memory as conditions come into being and cease from existence.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the above remarks and amendments. The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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